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**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT
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**SUBJECT: DCMC Memorandum No. 97-042 Automated Configuration Tracking System (ACTS)
merge into Alerts Database (INFORMATION)**

This is an INFORMATION memorandum. It expires in one year unless sooner superseded or rescinded. Target Audience: DCMC personnel working with ACTS or Alerts.

As part of the FY 98 Performance Plan development, we evaluated the possibility of merging the ACTS and the Alerts databases. Discussions between HQs and the districts, with some CAO input, led to the recommendation that the requirements in ACTS should be included in a future version of Alerts. The consolidation benefits of supporting a single database, and making configuration change data available to customers already receiving delivery schedule data from Alerts, outweigh the flexibility benefits of separate databases. One benefit of the merge is that Alerts will provide current ACTS users increased connectivity by allowing for remote access through portable PCs, etc.

As a result, we canceled the ACTS version 4.0 scheduled for July 1998. The key requirement of ACTS version 4.0 was the conversion of ACTS from Fox Pro to Oracle, thus eliminating the need to manually transfer files. The conversion of ACTS from Fox Pro to Oracle will now occur as part of the merge with Alerts. Requirements definition for the ACTS/Alerts integration will start 2Q FY98 and the deployment of the version of Alerts containing ACTS will start in FY 99. In the interim, if we determine that enhancements to ACTS are needed before the consolidation, these will be implemented in a version 3.x of ACTS.

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